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SUBJECT: FY-78 SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA

REF: (A) STATE 8601, (B) NORLAND/HOOVER TELECON 1/17/78

1. INASMUCH AS TIBONE STILL UNAVAILABLE, EMBOFF PRESENTED VIEWS CONTAINED REFTEL TO FINANCE MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY B. GAOLATHE WHO PROMISED TO EXPEDITE MATTER AND PROVIDE LIST OF OPTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT/AID-W'S CONSIDERATION BY END OF JANUARY. HE SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA SAME AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 18.

2. GAOLATHE APPEARED PLEASED BY AID/W OFFSETTING GOB EXPENDITURES IN AREA OF TRANSPORTATION/RURAL DEVELOPMENT. WITHOUT CONSULTING ADVISORS, HE THOUGHT THAT BOTSWANA WAS OBLIGATED TO COME UP WITH PAYMENTS OF AT LEAST 2 MILLION PULA FOR ROAD PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION AND 800,000 PULA FOR BUILDING OF SCHOOLS WITH WORLD BANK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING 1978.

3. AFTER SOME REFLECTION, GAOLATHE POSED THREE QUESTIONS WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD HELP GOB TO FORMULATE ITS REQUESTS FOR DIRECT FINANACIAL ASSISTANCE.

A. WOULD THE TERM "RURAL DEVELOPMENT" ENCOMPASS
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EDUCATION TO INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER SCHOOLS, WHETHER BUILT IN TOWNS OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?

B. ONCE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS WAS DETERMINED, MUST PROGRAMS UNDERGO THE USUAL AID APPRAISAL PROCESS OR WOULD USG ACCEPT EXISTING APPRAISALS SUCH AS PRESENT WORLD BANK APPRISALS FOR THE BUILDING OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS? GAOLATHE SAID HE FELT THAT THE AID

APPRAISAL PROCESS APPLIED TO PROJECTS ALREADY APPROVED AND IN MOTION WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF SLOWING DOWN NOT ONLY THEIR EXECUTION BUT ALSO DELAY OBLIGATION OF FUNDS BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE.

C. GAOLATHE THOUGHT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DECIDE THAT IBRD CONSORTIUM OF DONORS FOR THE RAILROAD PROJECT COULD NOT BE ORGANIZED IN TIME TO MEET CURRENT FISCAL YEAR DEADLINE. HE THOUGHT THEREFORE, SOME RISK EXISTED IN ALLOCATING THE TEN MILLION FOR ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS. IF THE TEN MILLION DOLLARS NOW EARMARKED FOR THE RAILWAY WERE ALLOCATED FOR ALTERNATIVE PURPOSES, COULD THE GOB USE SOME PART OF THE REMAINING EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS FOR EXPENDITURES ON THE RAILWAY?

4. COMMENT: CONCERNING GAOLATHE'S FEAR THAT GOB WOULD RISK BEING LEFT WITHOUT FUNDS FOR RAILWAY (SEE PARA 2C), PART OF HIS WORRY MIGHT STEM FROM UNCERTAINTY OVER FUTURE YEAR'S SUPPORT (OUR FISCAL YEAR 79). DOES DEPARTMENT OBJECT TO OUR INFORMING HIM THAT AID/W REMAINS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT IBRD-LED RAILROAD CONSORTIUM AND PLANS TO ALLOCATE 11 MILLION DOLLARS IN FY-79 FOR POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO IT.

5. EMBASSY AT WORK ON PROVIDING ECONOMIC-POLITICAL DOCUMENTATION AS REQUESTED PARA 4 REFTEL.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON URGENT BASIS FOR RESPONSE TO GAOLATHE'S QUESTIONS.
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